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The special thanks of the Academy were voted to Captain Portlock for his large donation of Irish Antiquities.

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February 8, 1841.

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Mr. J. Huband Smith submitted to the inspection of the Academy the sword and other iron weapons, brass mantle-pin, &c., with which he had been favoured by the Commander of the Forces, and which were discovered, with a human skeleton, at Kilmainham some years since. He further produced a still more perfect iron sword, which was also most obligingly lent to him by Captain Hort of the Royal Hospital. This, too, had been found about eight years ago in the same vicinity, and under similar circumstances with the weapons above mentioned.

The remarkable similarity of these, and all the incidents of the interments which they appear to have accompanied, with the remains found in the county of Antrim, described in the paper which Mr. Smith read before the Academy, on the 25th of January, as well as with the engraving and description of the Gaulish (Celtic) weapons, the account of which by M. Mongez, Keeper of the Museum of St. Genevieve at Paris, he had also on that occasion alluded to, together with the invariable discovery of bronze, or brass ornaments, unquestionably Celtic, in connexion with them, induced Mr. Smith to adhere to his opinion, that all these various remains were to be referred to people of Celtic race.

If this conclusion be just, the inference would seem to follow, that in the skeletons accompanying these weapons, &c., an opportunity is offered to the student of ethnography